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SUBJ: SARG PROTESTS EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT RESOLUTION

ON JERUSALEM BOMBING

1. AS REPORTED FBIS, SYRIAN DEPUTY FONMIN RAFI'I SUMMONED
ITALIAN AMBASSADOR BUCCI JULY 17 TO EXPRESS SYRIAN UNHAPPINESS
OVER EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT RESOLUTION CONDEMNING RECENT
JERUSALEM BOMB BLAST. RAFII REPORTEDLY DESCRIBED RESOLUTION
AS BIASED AND IN CLEAR CONTRADICTION OF STATED EC POSITION
MAINTAINING NEED FOR ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL OCCUPIED
LANDS AND SAFEGUARDING OF PALESTINIAN RIGHTS. RAFI'I STATED
RESOLUTION WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT STATE OF EURO-ARAB
DIALOGUE.

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2. AMBASSADORS OF OTHER EC STATES RESIDENT DAMASCUS WERE SUMMONED BY FONMINISTRY DIRECTOR WESTERN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS JOUEJATI TO RECEIVE SIMILAR DEMARCHE. ON JULY 16 SPEAKER OF SYRIAN PEOPLES' COUNCIL AL-HALABI IN HIS CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT OF ARAB PARLIAMENTARIANS' UNION, PUBLISHED CABLE HE HAD SENT TO PRESIDENT OF EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ATTACKING THE RESOLUTION.

3. COMMENT: BUCCI TELLS ME THAT SYRIAN DEMARCHE WAS DELIVERED HALFHEARTEDLY. STATES HE HAD TAKEN RAFI'I TO TASK FOR LETTING PLO DRAG SARG AROUND BY NOSE ON SUCH ISSUES. RAFI'I HAD ANSWERED GLUMLY THAT SARG HAD FELT OBLIGED MAKE THESE DEMARCHEES NOTING ALGERIANS IN ARAB LEAGUE COMMITTEE HAD PRESSURED ALL ARAB STATES TO PROTEST EURO-PARLIAMENT'S RESOLUTION.

4. IN CONFIRMATION THAT DEMARCHE WAS MINIMAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE RECORD, JOUEJATI WHO IS LEADER OF SARG DELEGATION TO UPCOMING SESSION OF EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE DEPARTED FOR ROME JULY 19.

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